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HOUSE BILL 1039

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS; CREATING A PILOT PROJECT TO DETERMINE IF FREE ADMISSION TO SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS WILL AFFECT STUDENT AND PARENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL EVENTS AND REDUCE JUVENILE CRIME RATES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--SCHOOL ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION PILOT PROJECT.--

A. The "school athletics participation pilot project" is created as a three-year study that provides free admission to all New Mexico athletic association-sanctioned athletic events of the Roswell independent school district. The pilot project shall be implemented at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year and end at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. The purpose of the pilot project is to determine

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1 if free admission affects student and parent participation in
2 school events and reduces juvenile crime rates.

3 B. The pilot project shall be administered by the
4 public education department with the cooperation of the Roswell
5 independent school district, the children, youth and families
6 department and the children's court in Chaves county. The
7 pilot project shall compile and contrast statistics on:

8 (1) juvenile delinquency and activities of
9 children that qualify their families as families in need of
10 services or families in need of court-ordered services for the
11 previous five years and years of the pilot project,
12 particularly on dates of New Mexico athletic association-
13 sanctioned athletic events;

14 (2) student participation in New Mexico
15 athletic association-sanctioned athletic events as players;

16 (3) student attendance at New Mexico athletic
17 association-sanctioned athletic events as attendees;

18 (4) parent attendance at New Mexico athletic
19 association-sanctioned athletic events; and

20 (5) overall attendance at New Mexico athletic
21 association-sanctioned athletic events.

22 C. The public education department and the Roswell
23 independent school district shall evaluate the program at the
24 end of the three-year pilot project period and issue a final
25 report to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2008.

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1 The department and the school district shall provide interim
2 reports to the legislative education study committee and other
3 appropriate interim committees of the legislature.

4 D. This section is repealed January 1, 2009.

5 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public
7 education department for expenditure in fiscal years 2006
8 through 2009 to hold harmless the Roswell independent school
9 district for the loss of admission revenue from athletic events
10 during the term of the school athletics participation pilot
11 project. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Public School
12 Finance Act, the money from this appropriation shall be
13 transferred to the school district at the beginning of fiscal
14 year 2006 and shall be budgeted by the school district as
15 admissions revenue from athletic events is budgeted. Money not
16 budgeted in a fiscal year, but reserved for budgeting in future
17 fiscal years of the pilot project, shall not be counted as cash
18 balances. This appropriation is in addition to any
19 appropriations to the school district through the state
20 equalization guarantee distribution. Any unexpended or
21 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009
22 shall not revert to the general fund.